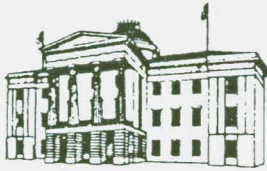


# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina Community Health Centers are at the core of our health care system and provide a safety net that delivers high-quality, cost-effective and accessible primary care to all, regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Community Health Centers currently serve as medical homes for more than 400,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Bureau of Primary Health Care, more than 1.2 million patient visits occurred at community health centers; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Bureau of Primary Health Care, fifty percent of patients served by North Carolina Community Health Centers are uninsured, and seventy percent are classified as low-income; and

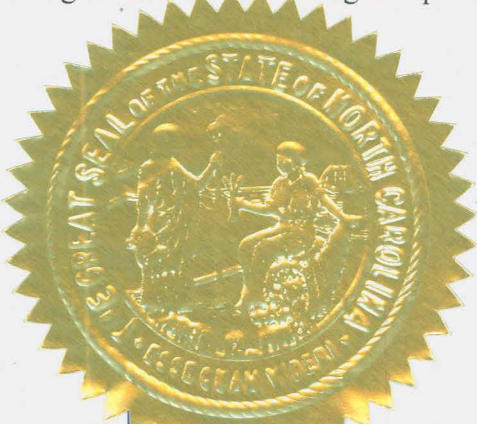
WHEREAS, North Carolina Community Health Centers offer patient-focused, coordinated health care, as well as preventive and primary care for families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Community Health Centers are located in medically underserved areas and locally controlled by patient-majority boards, making each Health Center responsive to the needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Community Health Centers have made great strides to our health system, specifically by maintaining high standards of accountability, demonstrating cost-effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of care, and to empowering communities to address unmet health needs, reduce health disparities, and reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to support implementation of community health centers throughout the State of North Carolina as part of our enduring commitment to the provision of quality primary health care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of August 5-11, 2012, as "**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK**" in North Carolina, and urge citizens to recognize the important contributions of Community Health Centers in safeguarding health and improving the quality of life for all people in the great State of North Carolina.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.